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Title: METHOD FOR DETECTING AMMONIA-
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Attached is Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed three references.

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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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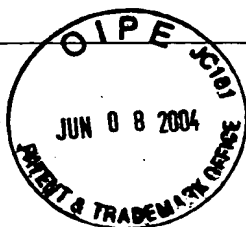
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